

IX. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Citizens Informational Workshop (May 25, 2010)

Efforts were undertaken early in the project development process to contact regulatory agencies, local officials, and the public. A newsletter was mailed to local residents and public officials on May 5, 2010 announcing the Citizens Informational Workshop (CIW). The CIW was announced in local newspapers including the *Charlotte Observer*. The CIW was held on May 25, 2010 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Greenville Recreation Center (1330 Spring Street) in Charlotte. Approximately 40 citizens attended. There was no formal presentation, but maps of the project study area were displayed, and attendees discussed the project with NCDOT and consultant staff. Several comment sheets were received from citizens expressing concern for the need for noise walls, consideration of traffic control during rush hour traffic, and geometry of the I-85/I-77 interchange ramps.

A meeting with the City of Charlotte and MUMPO staff was held on May 25, 2010, prior to the CIW. Subsequently, a letter was received from the City of Charlotte (included in **Appendix B**) on June 18, 2010 which requests NCDOT to delay moving forward with I-3311E pending the completion of planning and design for three projects within the I-77 corridor: The Charlotte Region Fast Lanes Study, STIP Project Number FS-0510A, and STIP Number I-3311C.

No major structures or travel lanes are being added as part of I-3311E. The proposed I-3311E improvements will not preclude future actions proposed as part of the Charlotte Region Fast Lanes Study, State TIP Project # FS-0510A, and State Project # I-3311C.

Citizens Project Update Meeting (March 21, 2011)

A follow-up Citizens Project Update Meeting (CPUM) was held on Monday, March 21, 2011 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Community Outreach and Harvest Center (1800 Brewton Drive) in Charlotte. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an update to the community members, specifically along Dean Street where residential impacts are possible, following the CIW held in May 2010. Detailed roadway designs were shown at the CPUM. Approximately 10 citizens attended. No comment sheets were submitted at this meeting or received afterward.

Citizens Project Update Meeting (June 13, 2011)

A second follow-up CPUM was held on June 13, 2011 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at J.T. Williams Middle School (2400 Carmine Street) in Charlotte. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an update to the community members in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood and J.T. Williams neighborhood, including possible removal of the pedestrian bridge. Detailed roadway designs were shown at the CPUM. Two citizens attended, and both submitted comment sheets in support of removing the pedestrian bridge. Both citizens in attendance represented multiple properties (owners/managers of rental property), along each side of the pedestrian bridge.